



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED LAKE ELSINORE MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 5 LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 4, 2003 to October, 3, 2003

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Lake Elsinore Unified School District's (LEUSD) Proposed Lake Elsinore Middle School No. 5. This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 50 cubic yards (75 tons) of soil from the proposed site, which is located at 18690 and 18730 Grand Avenue at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Gregory Place in Lake Elsinore.

DTSC is responsible for overseeing environmental reviews and cleanup actions of proposed sites for new schools and existing school expansion projects throughout the state. During the site investigation, dioxins were detected in the soil at concentrations exceeding the DTSC human health risk levels. Therefore, LEUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to a permitted offsite disposal facility.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto truck and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed soil removal action during the thirty (30) day public comment period which starts on September 4, 2003 and ends on October 3, 2003. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the final draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ms. Angela Ortega, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **October 3, 2003**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Lake Elsinore Library, 600 West Graham, Lake Elsinore. Also, all site documents and full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5300.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Eloy Florez al (818) 551-2875.*

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every California needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy cost, or for more information about DTSC, see our web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.